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1. Location

The asbestos mill is about 1½ miles south of the large E-W main street of ASBEST (61°30'E/57°00'N), Sverdlovsk Oblast, southeast of town. There is a large swamp north of the mill and to the west a park about 1,200 feet square. For location, see Annex 1.

2. Plant Installations

a. According to Soviet workers, the asbestos mill existed before WW I. Except for the Baranith department, which was built by German PWs and put in operation in 1946, all buildings of the plant are old.

b. All of the plant machinery was replaced in 1948 by new or almost new machinery dismantled in Germany. A factory spur track was not observed. The finished products were trucked to the railroad station. For plant installations see Annex 2.

3. Work Force

A total of 3,560 workers, including many Volga Germans working in three shifts, in addition to 24 German PWs employed as specialists and drivers.

4. Production

Clutch plates  
Gaskets  
Asbestos fabrics for coverings  
Asbestos carpets  
Hoses

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a. The report is especially valuable as [redacted] of the industrial plants of ASBEST (see Annex 1). This is the first information of this kind. [redacted] move about freely in the district the information [redacted] may be considered to be correct.

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b. Since this is the first report on the Asbestos Plant in ASBEST further confirmatory information is required.

2 Annexes: 1. Asbestos Plant and Industrial Installations in ASBEST

2. Installations of the Asbestos Mill in ASBEST.

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Legend to Annex 1

1. Asbestos mill, call [REDACTED]
2. Asbestos mill No. 1. [REDACTED] is available
3. Asbestos mill No. 2, no details available
4. Asbestos mill No. 3, no details available
5. Asbestos pit Karriere 11
6. Asbestos pit Karriere 7/4
7. Red October asbestos mill
8. Asbestos pit Karriere 2/160
9. Two small asbestos pits
10. Three asbestos heaps, the biggest being about 150 feet high
11. Internment camp for female forced labor
12. Shed housing electric locomotives operating in the asbestos pits
13. Collective farm
14. Athletic field
15. Park, about 1,200x1,200 feet
16. Water tower, about 90 feet high
17. Bread factory with conspicuous dome
18. [REDACTED] site, where large dwelling houses have been under construction since 1948. Work on three houses had started
19. [REDACTED]
20. Internment camp for forced labor
21. Mechanical plant for production of spare parts and [REDACTED] plants
22. Mechanical plant, called [REDACTED] called "locomotive factory" by PWs. A new ins [REDACTED] is still under construction. This plant also [REDACTED] mechanical work for asbestos factories.
23. Building site for dwelling houses. [REDACTED] framework of about 120 two and three-story buildings was completed
24. "Garrison", comprised of 16 large cantonment buildings, quarters of guard personnel
25. PW Camp No. 7314/1.

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